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POSTPONE SEIZURE TO ALLOW TIME FOR DUTCH REPLY

Answer Expected in Wash-
ington After Expiration
of Time Limit To-Day.

1,000,000 TONS OF SHIPS WILL JOIN ALLIED CAUSE

American Gunners Will Man
Netherlands Vessels
Taken Over.

NEWS WILL REMAIN ABOARD

No Change in Terms of Ultimatum
Which Offers Holland Ample
Food Supplies.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 17.—Holland's
reply to the American and British de-
mand that a voluntary shipping agree-
ment be put into effect despite Ger-
man opposition, in default of which
the Dutch vessels in American and
British waters would be seized under
the ancient law of angaria, will be
expected here today.

Dispatches from The Hague to-day
indicated that the reply was en route,
it probably would not reach Wash-
ington by noon to-morrow, when the
time limit set expires. As it is be-
lieved now Holland will assent to the
proposals, officials here desire to
play action so that transfer by agree-
ment may be substituted for seizure,
though in either case they would be
directly within their rights under in-
ternational law.

At any rate, the addition of 1,000,000
tons of shipping to the resources en-
gaged in the fight for world freedom
will not be delayed beyond Tuesday.

AMERICAN FLAG WILL FLY OVER 700,000 TONS

The American flag will be raised
over the 700,000 tons in American
waters as soon as the transfer is
made, and the vessels will be put into
a food transport service. They will
be armed to resist the attacks of Ger-
man submarines in the war zone, and
armed American gun crews will man
the guns.

Arrangements for operating the
ships which will be under control of
a shipping board, were said to-night
to have been completed.

Many of the Dutch
ships are expected to remain with the
allies. American officials will be placed
on board to comply with the shipping
laws, but the provision requiring that
the crews of this country will be waived,
as in previous cases. The friendliness
of Dutch seamen to the allied cause,
as all seafaring men do, the
understandable of the submarine
warfare, will lead at least half of them
to continue their work. Their
cooperation will be welcomed, particu-
larly because of the high standing
which Dutch sailors have in the
world's ports.

SHIPS WILL BE ACQUIRED TO-DAY OR TO-MORROW

It was stated officially to-night that
there was no change in the terms
of the American ultimatum, which of-
fered Holland ample food supplies and
freedom of navigation to maintain the
commerce of her colonies. Whether or
not it is given to the terms, the ships
will be acquired by the allies to-mor-
row or Tuesday.

Concessions to be made by Holland
in the matter of barge for
armament, and the matter of the
officials. There have been intimations
that Holland might also be forced
to agree to furnish Germany certain
hanging tonnage after the war is con-
cluded. In either case, it was indicated,
a result of the war will not be af-
fected, and that is the main point now.

DUTCH CABINET COUNCIL SENDS MESSAGE TO LONDON

(By Associated Press.)
THE HAGUE, March 17.—After a
three-hour session last night, the
Dutch cabinet sent a message to London
and Brussels, according to reliable
formation, probably will lead to a
satisfactory conclusion of the shipping
question.

STRIKES IN DUAL MONARCHY

Unrest Spreading, According to
Reports in German Papers
From Vienna.

(By Associated Press.)
AMSTERDAM, March 17.—Strikes
again in progress in Austria and
Germany, and are spreading rapidly, ac-
cording to reports appearing in Ger-
man newspapers. A Vienna dispatch
said that a strike has begun in Buda-
pest, and is assuming large proportions.
Graphical communication between
Vienna and Budapest has been sus-
pended.

Another dispatch confirms the report
that week that workmen in railway
have gone on strike.

Held Fort Worth Hotels.

(By Associated Press.)
FORT WORTH, TEX., March 17.—
artial law virtually has inaugurated
a day in Fort Worth in what is de-
clared to be the most sweeping anti-
cease order ever undertaken by a
city of the Southwest. In raids upon
rooming-houses, hotels and resorts
more than 200 men and women have
been arrested during the last few days.

Oppose Germans in Finland.

AMSTERDAM, March 17.—The troops
sent recently by Germany to Finland
to assist in putting down the Red
guard are meeting with hostile recep-
tion, and are continually being in-
creased. A semi-official statement issued
from Berlin. On this account, further
aid by the Germans is said to be ur-
gently needed.

Plan for World-Wide Missionary Campaign

(By Associated Press.)
MEMPHIS, TENN., March 17.—
Delegates from all of the Southern
and several Western States are ex-
pected to attend a conference here
Tuesday to plan the part the Metho-
dist Episcopal Church, South, will
undertake in the proposed world-
wide missionary campaign to be
inaugurated next year in celebra-
tion of the founding of Methodist
missions in this country. Prelimi-
nary surveys presented to a recent
meeting of commissioners repre-
senting the Northern and Southern
branches of the church indicated
that a fund of approximately \$100,-
000,000 would be needed to carry
on the campaign, planned to extend
over five years, and, at a conference
of clergymen and laymen of the
Northern Church, plans were tenta-
rily agreed to whereby that
branch would contribute more than
half the total sum. Whatever ac-
tion is taken at the Memphis meet-
ing will be subject to ratification
by the General Conference to meet
in Atlanta in May.

In addition to clergymen and
prominent laymen of the Methodist
Episcopal Church, South, delegates
from the Northern and Canadian
branches of the denomination are
expected to attend.

INCOME TAX LAWS WILL BE EXPLAINED

District Collectors and Revenue
Agents to Begin Intensive
Campaign Soon.

TO ROUND UP DELINQUENTS

"Flying Squadron" of Ten Specially
Trained Men Will Make Tour and
Conduct Schools in Important
District Centers.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 17.—District
tax collectors and revenue agents are
preparing for an intensive campaign
April 1, when income and excess
profits tax returns are due, to educate
taxpayers as to details of the numerous
miscellaneous taxes in the revenue
laws. Officials recognize that
ordinarily it would be easy for tax-
payers to unintentionally evade pay-
ments through ignorance of the law's
complications, and an effort will be
made to round up the delinquents
subject to the taxes, and to systematic
collections.

Among the taxes included in the mis-
cellaneous classification are those on
liquor, amusement taxes, freight, in-
surance, automobile, jewelry, moti-
on picture, radio, sporting goods,
medicines, cameras, pleasure boats, and
stamp and state taxes. Most of these
are payable monthly.

A "flying squadron" of ten specially
trained agents has just started from
Washington on tours of the country to
instruct revenue collectors and their
agents, at schools which will be held
in each district. This campaign is un-
der the direction of David W. Gates,
assistant revenue commissioner, L. G.
Sutt, chief revenue agent, and James
H. Murphy, deputy collector at Bos-
ton.

RIOT IN ELGIN CHURCH

Bullets Fly When Peace Officers Batter
Down Doors of St. Mary's
Edifice.

ELGIN, ILL., March 17.—Facing a
flood of bullets, a posse of Elgin
peace officers to-day battered down the
doors of St. Mary's Roman Catholic
Church and arrested the pastor, Father
J. J. McCann.

When officers burst in the door the
bishop was saying mass. Father Mc-
Cann had been suspended from the
parish at the order of Bishop Mul-
drew.

Attempts by the parishioners to serve
ouster notices on him last week were
met by bullets. To-day, armed with
legal writs, they demanded his re-
moval. He refused. Eight shots were
fired at them while they were break-
ing in. The priest was released under
\$500 bond.

TROOP TRAIN WRECK

Pennsylvania Soldier Only Person In-
jured in Derailment in Missouri
Caused by Defective Switch.

(By Associated Press.)
SCHELL CITY, MO., March 17.—
Charles Hunt, of Talroy, Pa., a soldier,
was the only person injured, when a
train carrying New Jersey and Penn-
sylvania units was derailed by a
defective switch five miles south of here
at 3 o'clock to-day.

Five coaches left the tracks, several
being thrown almost at right angles
with the rails, but none turning over.
Hunt suffered two broken ribs and a
strained back.

The troops were placed on another
special train and detoured over the
Missouri Pacific Railroad, continuing
their journey with only a few hours'
delay.

DANISH STEAMER SUNK

German Submarine Commander Gives
Crew Five Minutes to Abandon
Ship.

LONDON, March 17.—The sinking
outside the German danger zone two
days ago by a German submarine of
the Danish steamship Randeboerg,
1,551 tons gross, is reported in an Ex-
change Telegraph dispatch from Cop-
penhagen. The captain was taken on
board the submarine and entered a
protest, but the German commander
said that unless the ship was abandon-
ed within five minutes she would be
sunk, with all hands.

MR. BAKER VISITS BIG FLYING FIELD

Over 100 Planes Circle Above
Head of American Sec-
retary of War.

HE IS GREATLY IMPRESSED

With Pershing, He Inspects
Storage Center for Troop
Cantonments.

ABOARD THE SPECIAL TRAIN OF
SECRETARY OF WAR BAKER, AT
AN AVIATION CENTER IN FRANCE,
March (date deleted).—"If I said what
I think about what we have seen to-
day it would sound like boasting," said
General Pershing, after visiting the
largest aviation camp in France, where
hundreds of American boys are learn-
ing to fly.

"What pleased me most was the ab-
solutely perfect order maintained in
the supply and repair shops," asserted
Secretary Baker.

"Where you see that you find a
well-ordered and well-regulated camp
throughout. I am exceedingly pleased
and delighted, and I want to congratu-
late the commanding officers warmly
on the high standard of efficiency ap-
parent at this post and on all sides. It
is indeed highly gratifying and en-
couraging."

PLANE ESCORT SECRETARY'S SPECIAL TRAIN

More than fifty planes were already
in the air when Secretary Baker's spe-
cial train approached in FRANCE, March
(date deleted). As soon as
one of the machines caught sight of
the distant train, it swooped down and
gave the signal to all the other planes
which promptly drew up in formation,
escorting the train to the special camp
center. There the band crashed out a
noisy welcome, in which a number of
Russians working at the camp joined.

After a visit to headquarters, the
secretary and his party set off for the
flying field, where the machines were
drawn up in long lines three deep. The
loud humming of the motors greet-
ing Mr. Baker. Fifteen planes darted
up simultaneously, flying in close for-
mation, and gradually the air became
filled with squad after squad until
more than 100 machines were in the
air, circling about overhead, some fly-
ing so close that their wings almost
touched one another.

Then there came a buzzing that was
louder than that of the average ma-
chine. It attracted Mr. Baker's atten-
tion, and he turned just in time to see
a Philadelphia officer in charge of the
training dart upward in a Moran one-
seater, appearing to rise straight as a
bird, picking up to a height of half a
mile, where he looped-the-loop and
flew upside down while reversing his
course suddenly in midair, finally drop-
ping in a spinning nose dive. Just as
it appeared the flyer must crash to
earth he suddenly darted upward. Sec-
retary Baker congratulated him on the
feat.

PERSHING ASKS IF IT IS NECESSARY TO TAKE RISKS

General Pershing, expressing his al-
literation of the whole nerve, asked
him if it was necessary to take such
risks. The aviator replied that it was
part of the training. He said the
nose dive was especially useful in es-
caping an enemy, as it gave the im-
pression the machine had been shot
down.

Meanwhile a whole flock of planes
skipped about at a low altitude, graz-
ing the tops, darting over each other
and skimming the barracks and
hangars. It was one of the finest
exhibitions of flying the visiting party
had ever seen, despite the fact that
to-day we had the first cloudy weather
during the entire trip. Now and then
there was a sprinkling rain.

PARTY VISITS BARRACKS OF RED CROSS NURSES

The party then visited the Red Cross
barracks, where the head nurse, Miss
Given Wilson, of New York, drew up
the nurses for inspection.

Secretary Baker and General Pershing
chatted with them and sampled the
jam sandwiches the nurses were making
for the soldiers.

Mr. Baker talked personally with
many of the aviators, questioning them
about their work. He was especially
impressed with their self-confidence
and ability to learn quickly. The party
had just left the field when a sad acci-
dent occurred. The motor of a machine
piloted by a youth from Memphis sud-
denly started to slide, the student tum-
bling to earth. Both legs were broken,
and he sustained a fracture of the skull,
although the doctors think he will live.
The machine was badly smashed. None
of Secretary Baker's party witnessed the
fall.

As the party prepared to board the
special train copies of "Plane News," a
local weekly published at the camp,
were presented to the members. They
contained the full news of Secretary
Baker's visit.

"That's what I call quick journalis-
tic work," said Mr. Baker, compliment-
ing the editors.

After luncheon, which was taken
aboard the train, the party spent the
afternoon at another large storage cen-
ter which has been entirely completed
for troop cantonments that are to arrive
to-morrow.

GOVERNOR ASKS FOR TROOPS

Armed Mob Seizes Mineral Land and
Holds It in Defiance of Au-
thorities in Kentucky.

FRANKFORT, KY., March 17.—Gov-
ernor Stanley to-night sent an appeal
to the commander of the Central In-
fantary for a detachment of troops to
prevent mob violence in Lee County.
It is reported that an armed force of
men has taken possession of valuable
mineral land, and is holding it in de-
fiance of the local authorities. The
mob already had burned the houses
and rigs and dynamited a well on the
property.

ASSEMBLY COMES BACK AGAIN TO-DAY

Members Will Receive Import-
tant Recommendations From
Governor Davis.

SESSIONS ARE SET FOR NOON

Many Legislators Arrived Last
Night, and Air Is Filled With
Conflicting Reports.

The General Assembly that extended
for business purposes the session till
midnight Tuesday and took leave, last
night, returned to-day at 12
o'clock. Many members were rolling
towards Richmond last night, and
others had already arrived to receive
at noon the important message from
Governor Davis before the constructive
session comes to an end.

With an appropriation bill carrying
with it a disbursement of \$20,000,000,
over \$3,000,000 more than that of 1916,
increases in
living and support expenses—one may
not be surprised at the contents of the
message to be communicated to the
Legislature here to-day.

Economy was the watch word of the
Davis platform, on which he was
elected governor by the popular vote.
Members of the Legislature likewise
made efforts to economize in this time
of adverse conditions. There is, how-
ever, some conflict between the approp-
riations they have made and the
views of the Governor on this sub-
ject. The nature of the communication
to be sent to the General Assembly and
its result is, therefore, much in doubt.

Whether harmony or antagonism will
develop remains to be seen. The Gov-
ernor has already signed certain bills
that some feared would not be ap-
proved. The 8-cent tax measure was
one which caused considerable specula-
tion in certain quarters.

APPROPRIATION BILLS MAY PROVE STUMBLING-BLOCK

The appropriation bill carries a lump
sum of \$20,000,000 a year to schools,
and it carries a similar gift averaging
about \$250,000 a year to catfish, in
addition to the 1-cent special levy for
educating the white plague. So, if the
Governor's pruning knife reaches after
schools and tuberculosis, it will have
to cut into the appropriation bill as
the special levies have been signed.

It is generally known that the work-
men's compensation act, with its salaried
industrial commission, is not in line
with the views of the Governor con-
sidering the creation of additional of-
fices. He suggested changes, propos-
ing an ex officio commission, without
additional salaries, but at the last mo-
ment the salaried commission was
placed back into the bill. The state-
ment was also made that he is op-
posed to the increases in salaries
granted certain State officers. Practi-
cally all of these increases are con-
tained in the general appropriation bill,
on which, it is believed, practically all
of the Governor's recommendations will
be based.

Be these things as rumor has them
or not, the fact remains that the leg-
islators have been called back to the Cap-
itol to receive an important message
from Governor Davis, according to the
telegrams sent the Senators and Dele-
gates by the presiding officers of the
two branches of the Assembly, Lieuten-
ant-Governor R. F. Buchanan and
Speaker of the House Harry Houston;
and as the telegrams said that it was
imperative that they be here, none
doubts the presence of a quorum.

Then they will have till midnight of
Tuesday to conclude the business and
remain until the present session, or
otherwise the session will have to be
extended. Should by chance the Assem-
bly adjourn Tuesday and leave the ap-
propriation bill unsatisfactory to the
Governor and he veto it, an extra ses-
sion, which, it is the general belief,
will be avoided, would be inevitable, as
State departments cannot be functioned
without money.

FOOD PRODUCERS TO MEET

Former Governor Henry C. Stuart
Named One of Twenty-Four
Representatives.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 17.—Twenty-
four representative producers of food
products and livestock have been
named to form the advisory committee
recently authorized by Secretary Hus-
ton, the Department of Agriculture,
and Food Administrator Hoover, and
which will hold its first meeting here
March 28. An announcement to-night
of the complete list of the commit-
tee members says they were selected with
reference both to the larger agricultural in-
terests and to geographical considera-
tions. Among the members of the com-
mittee are David R. Coker, Harrisville,
S. C., and Henry C. Stuart, Elk Gar-
den, Va.

ROUMANIA BALKS

Cabinet Council Refuses to Agree on
Final Ratification of Peace
Agreement.

AMSTERDAM, March 17.—The Rou-
manian Cabinet, according to an un-
confirmed dispatch received here to-
night, refused in the eleventh hour to
agree to the final ratification of the
peace agreement with the central
powers, and resigned.

WAGE BOOST FOR MEN

International Harvester Company An-
nounced Increase of 10 Per Cent.
Effective April 1.

CHICAGO, March 17.—The Interna-
tional Harvester Company to-day an-
nounced that, effective April 1, adjust-
ments will be made in the pay rolls
that will amount to approximately 10
per cent increase to employees. About
25,000 workers will be affected.

GERMANS SEIZE NAVY-YARD CITY

Japanese Premier Declares No Decision
Has Been Made in Siberian Situation

TOKYO, Saturday, March 16.—

Premier Terauchi and Foreign Min-
ister Motono told Parliament to-day
nothing had been decided upon with
reference to the Siberian situation.
The military situation has reached
a state of perfect preparedness.

Last night the Seiyukai (consti-
tutional) party, the largest in the
Diet, held a conference, and reaf-
firmed its position taken at a re-
cent meeting in opposition to im-
mediate mobilization.

The press is almost unanimous in
urging mobilization. The Asahi
Shimbun, and the Yomiuri Choho
say they are unable to understand

America's "excessive generosity"
toward Russia, now giving supplies
to Germany and impeding the
stores in Vladivostok. Suspicious
in regard to Japan weaken the al-
lies, they assert, adding that it is
Japan's duty to work in the inter-
ests of the peace of humanity by
assisting to crush Germany. The
Kokumin Shimbun issues a call to
arms, saying that America is sin-
cerely friendly, but mistaken.

The Asahi Shimbun, of Osaka,
voices the opinion widely held
among the middle classes that ex-
tensive mobilization would create
acute distress industrially and in
regard to food supplies.

EXPECT ACTION ON NEW DRAFT LAW THIS WEEK

Efforts Will Be Made to Have It
Enacted Previous to
Next Call.

MAY REGISTER ALL YOUTHS

War Finance Corporation Bill, as
Well as Much Other Important
Legislation, Due to Come Up for
Action.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Army
draft legislation, renewal of con-
trover over government reorganization
and the administration bill for a war
finance corporation will occupy most
of this week at the Capitol.

Bills affecting operation of the se-
lective draft law are pending before
both Senate and House, with much
pressure for immediate action, because
of the effect of the new draft. The
Senate bill changing the basis of
quotas from State population to the
number of men in Class I is on the
House calendar, with its opponents in-
sisting upon a substitute which would
base quotas upon total registration and
ability to service.

It is understood President Wilson
may call some of the House leaders
into conference in an effort to adjust
their differences. Senate Military Com-
mittee members plan to seek early
consideration of the War Department
subjecting to registration youths
reaching twenty-one years since June
5, 1917.

The war finance corporation bill,
upon which the House to-morrow re-
sumes debate, is expected to pass
within a few days and be sent to con-
ference. The army legislation is sched-
uled to follow.

Consideration of the Governor bill,
giving the president blanket reorgani-
zation powers, will be resumed to-
morrow by the Senate Judiciary Com-
mittee under a decision to keep it con-
stantly before the committee until dis-
posed of. Administration forces ap-
parently are in control by a small mar-
gin and they plan to bring the bill
before the Senate, where the military
committee's bill for a war cabinet and
munitions director probably will be
offered as substitutes.

Woman suffrage also may soon come
before the Senate. Negotiations are
on foot, and advocates of the House
resolution providing submission of Fed-
eral constitutional amendment say they
now lack but two votes of the two-
thirds necessary for adoption.

Legislation for sale of enemy prop-
erty and favorable acquisition of the
German-owned wharves and docks at
Hoboken, N. J., added to the \$1,150,-
000,000 deficiency appropriation bill
in the Senate, is in conference with
prospect of an agreement this week.

DRAMATIST KILLED

Harry James Smith Meets Death in
Automobile Accident in British
Columbia.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Harry
James Smith, the dramatist, was killed
in an automobile accident on his en-
route near New Westminster, British
Columbia, according to advices re-
ceived here to-day. Red Cross officials
and Mr. Smith's sister here were noti-
fied by telegram. Mr. Smith was work-
ing in the interests of the Red Cross
when the accident occurred. He had
discovered on his estate large quanti-
ties of moss useful in surgical dress-
ings, and had been gathering it for
several months.

Mr. Smith was born May 24, 1880, at
New Britain, Conn.

HOLD TWO IN JAIL

Landed in Stunton Prison on Charges
of Shipping Whisky and Violat-
ing Espionage Act.

(By Associated Press.)
STAUNTON, VA., March 17.—Carl
Barkof and Henry Zelder, arrested late
Saturday at Basle City, in this country,
were brought here to-day and held for
investigation by Federal agents on
charges of violation of the espionage
act. Barkof, who is said to be head
of an organ factory at Basle City, and
Zelder, his salesman, were arrested on
charges of shipping whisky.

Both men, too, were said to have
resisted arrest. Zelder is said to have
been detained in New York recently
for investigation of alleged seditious
utterances.

AMERICAN TANK SHIP BATTLES WITH U-BOAT

Steamer Paulsboro Reaches Atlantic
Port After Encounter
at Sea.

ONE OF CREW IS WOUNDED

Officers Confident That One of Shots
Fired by Gunners Struck Subma-
rine in Center and Caused Her to
Go to Bottom.

(By Associated Press.)
AN ATLANTIC PORT, March 17.—At
the end of an hour's battle between a
German submarine and an American
tank steamer—the Paulsboro, of the
Vacuum Oil Company, which arrived
here to-day, the U-boat apparently
was sunk, according to officers of the
American vessel.

One of the crew on the tanker was
wounded by a shell fired by the sub-
marine. Two other shots struck the
American ship, which was not seriously
damaged.

The fight took place in the Bristol
Channel on February 24. The Ameri-
can vessel was about twenty-four
hours out from a British port when
the U-boat was sighted. The tanker
tried to escape, and was pursued.
After the American vessel had been
within torpedo range for some time
without any attempt being made to
sink her in this way, the U-boat began
shelling her.

The tanker halted and gave battle.
The officers said the shrapnel shell
fired by the American gun crew either
fell short or passed over the U-boat
for a time, but finally one struck the
submarine fairly in the center, and
she disappeared immediately. The
American vessel is of about 4,000 tons
gross.

TO VACATE HOSPITAL

Patients at Norfolk Institution Will Be
Removed to St. Helena
Institution.

(By Associated Press.)
NORFOLK, VA., March 17.—An-
nouncement was made to-day that the
naval hospital will be immediately va-
cated and patients removed to the St.
Helena reservation hospital, for im-
provements and enlargements, in or-
der that the institution may be used
for wounded soldiers and sailors from
France.

Large temporary barracks hospital
buildings will be built on the spacious
grounds to augment the capacity. Only
convalescent and slightly wounded men
will be admitted. They will be brought
over in hospital ships from time to
time, thus relieving the congestion at
front hospitals.

CHIEF OF POLICE SHOT

J. O. Folson Meets Death at Har-
ville, S. C., in Fight With
Plunderer.

(By Associated Press.)
HARTSVILLE, S. C., March 17.—J. O.
Folson, chief of police, was shot and
instantly killed here this morning by
J. H. Gullidge, overseer of a planta-
tion near here. The cause of the trou-
ble is not known.

Folson and Gullidge had met at fire
department headquarters and later took
a ride in the chief of the fire depart-
ment's automobile. Shortly afterward,
the shooting occurred, and Folson's
body was found on the ground near
the automobile. Gullidge surrendered to
the authorities, and was taken to jail
at Darlington.

CONGRESSMAN DIES